

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: C. BARROUX

Serial No.:

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For: Lumping And Delumping Method For Describing  
Hydrocarbon-Containing Fluids

Art Unit:

Examiner:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop: Amendment (No Fee)  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 26, 2004

Sir:

The following amendments are respectfully requested in connection with the above-identified application, prior to calculation of the filing fee, as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.